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Optic Network

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION DATED 16 NOVEMBER 2005**

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### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is responsive to the Official Action dated 16 November 2005 (the "Action"), for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for 16 February 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.